

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey # 76A-6

Building Date c.1850,early
20th century

Building Name Tolson House

Location 5000 Shopton Drive, near Shopton Place, Camp Springs, Maryland

Open to Public: Yes x No

Occupied: x Yes No

Use Private Residence

The frame, 2-story five bay by two bay house has a gable roof and a rear shed addition, and faces south. The main block is composed of two parts: a c. 1850 side hall (or passage) and parlor, heavy timber frame constructed dwelling at the east end and an early 20th century frame 2-story addition at the west end. A one-story frame, gable-roofed wing extends from the east gable end. A one-story hipped roof porch supported by four Doric columns runs across the facade of the main block. This appears to be contemporary with the early 20th century extension at the west end.

The principal entrance to the house is located in the earlier side hall and parlor section. It occupies the original entrance to this section. The rear shed addition is composed of a two-story, 2 bay by 1 bay wing enclosed by a 1-story wing which extends across the eastern two-thirds of the rear elevation.

The Buchanan House is a modest farmhouse representing two stages of construction. It, like many surviving 19th century Prince George's County farmhouses, has been altered and has lost its related outbuildings and barns due to the encroachment of post World War II development.

Priv/res/occ/good

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Tolson House

and/or common Buchanan House

2. Location

street & number 5000 Shopton Drive, near Shopton Place not for publicationcity, town Camp Springs vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland 20748 county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Chester L. Buchanan

street & number 5000 Shopton Drive telephone no.: 899-7438

city, town Camp Springs state and zip code Maryland 20748

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2604

street & number folio 37

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

date 1973 federal state X county local

postory for survey records Riversdale, 4811 Riverdale Road

city, town Riverdale, state Maryland 20737

7. Description

Survey No. 76A-6

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

7. Buchanan House

The Buchanan House is situated on the highest ground in Prince George's County (approximately 310 feet above sea level) with a view of the Washington Monument.¹ The frame, 2-story five bay by two bay house has a gable roof and a rear shed addition, and faces south. The main block is composed of two parts: a c. 1850 side hall (or passage) and parlor, heavy timber frame constructed dwelling at the east end and an early 20th century frame 2-story addition at the west end. A one-story frame, gable-roofed wing extends from the east gable end. A one-story hipped roof porch supported by four Doric columns runs across the facade of the main block. This appears to be contemporary with the early 20th century extension at the west end.

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The house is covered with aluminum siding which covers the original German siding. The windows are 6/6 sash. An exterior brick chimney is located at the west gable end. Another is located at the east gable end where it meets the wing.

Interior

Most of the interior has been modernized. The facade entrance leads into a short hall or passage which has an open stair located in the rear. It makes a 45° turn to the east about half way to the second floor. The original, simple, newel post and balustrade survive, as do the chair rail moldings in the entrance passage and second floor of the c. 1850 section. From the entrance passage a door leads into the west (early 20th century) section of the house and another leads into east (c. 1850) section of the house. A door located on the east wall, north of the fireplace, leads into the small wing. Access to the rear wing is gained from an opening in the north wall of the east room.

Footnotes

¹ Interview with Chester Buchanan, September 1983.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG 76A-6

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Buchanan House is a modest farmhouse representing two stages of construction. It, like many surviving 19th century Prince George's County farmhouses, has been altered and has lost its related outbuildings and barns due to the encroachment of post World War II development.

The earlier section of the house dates from the mid-19th century when the property was owned by Henry Tolson.¹ Early in the 20th century when the Colonial Revival style of architecture was popular, the house was expanded and the facade porch added. The property was then owned by Basil B. Eargshaw.² The present owner, Chester Buchanan, obtained the house in 1961.³

Footnotes

¹ Land Records, Liber 8, Folio 204.

² Ibid.

³ Land Records, Liber 2604, Folio 37.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 76A-6

Land Records of Prince George's County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland-National Capital Planning Commission

date October 1983

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Tolson House

AND/OR COMMON

Buchanan House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5000 Shopton Drive, near Shopton Place

CITY, TOWN

Camp Springs

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Chester L. Buchanan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5000 Shopton Drive

CITY, TOWN

Camp Springs

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

77 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a remodelled, two-story, frame farmhouse that now sits in the middle of the "Walter Heights" Subdivision. (Not examined closely at time of survey.)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

 SPECIFIC DATES

 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This appears to have been a Tolson family home in the mid and late 1800's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

11/21/73

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Chain of Title

PG-76A-6 Buchanan House

Liber 2604, Folio 37

September 15, 1961

Grantor: Fricis Gutlands and Grete S. Gutlands, his wife

Grantee: Chester L. Buchanan and Helen N. Buchanan, his wife

Containing 1.1865 acres of land. Part of the same land which the said parties of the first part obtained from Daniel A. Walter and Irene M. Walter, his wife, by deed dated November 18, 1952, Liber 1562, Folio 59. (Deed of Trust between grantee and Perpetual Building Association of Washington, D.C. (Samuel Scriven Jr. and Junior F. Crowell) for 12,000 - Liber 2604, Folio 41)

Together with the use in common for the purpose of ingress and egress, a 50 foot wide road 25 feet from each side of the center line throughout leading from the property hereby described to Brinkley Road.

Liber 1562, Folio 62

November 18, 1952

Grantor: Fricis Gutlands and Grete S. Gutlands, his wife

Grantee: Daniel A. Walter and Irene M. Walter, his wife.

Contained in the deed dated March 16, 1943, and recorded in Liber 689 at Folio 121 whereby the property was conveyed by Catherine M. Gates to Daniel A. Walter and containing 9.940 acres of land.

Saving and excepting therefrom, however, 1.1865 acres of land.
(Mortgage \$3,500 Liber 1562, Folio 65)

Liber 1562, Folio 59

November 18, 1952

Grantor: Daniel A. Walter and Irene M. Walter, his wife (also known on the records as Irene Walter)

Grantee: Fricis Gutlands and Grete S. Gutlands, his wife

Containing 9.940 acres of land contained in the deed dated March 16, 1943, and recorded in Liber 689, Folio 121, whereby the property was conveyed by Catherine M. Gates to Daniel A. Webster.

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Liber 689, Folio 121

March 16, 1943

Grantor: Catherine M. Gates, divorced and unmarried (also known as Catherine M. Francis)

Grantee: Daniel A. Walter and Irene Walter, his wife

That tract of land being part of the Earnshaw Farm containing 77.43 acres obtained from Charles C. Wilcox and Edna B. Wilcox, his wife, December 1, 1926 in Liber 278, Folio 164.

Liber 278, Folio 164

December 1, 1926

Grantor: Charles C. Wilcox and wife, Edna B. Wilcox

Grantee: Catherine M. Francis

That tract of land being part of the Earnshaw Farm containing 77.43 acres (mortgage between the above \$1,600, Liber 278, Folio 165)

Liber 233, Folio 220

March 23, 1925

Grantor: Catherine O. Earnshaw and Kate Irene Earnshaw and John B. Earnshaw, trustees under the last will and testament of Basil B. Earnshaw, deceased

Grantee: Charles C. Wilcox and Edna B. Wilcox, his wife

Containing 90.06 acres (also appears as Liber 278, Folio 148)

Liber 8, Folio 204

April 5, 1902

Grantor: Juliet M. Williams and Thomas E. Williams

Grantee: Basil B. Earnshaw

In consideration of \$3,000. Being the same land obtained from Edmund Tolson and others by deed described as being known as "Tolson's Purchase", being part of the real estate of Henry Tolson, deceased, assigned to his widow now dead, by commissioners appointed by a decree of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County in the consolidated cases of Tolson vs. Tolson and others No. 215 and same vs. same no. 233. Equity passed December 13, 1858.

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Liber 8, Folio 204 (continued)

Containing 126-3/10 acres and being all the dower land of the said Mary H. Tolson continuing and laid out for 145-1/4 acres saving and excepting that part of the said dower conveyed to Edmund Tolson by Thomas E. Williams and Juliet M. Williams, his wife, and George S. Pyles and wife by deed dated August 14, 1889, recorded in Liber JWB 13, Folio 464, containing 17 acres, the said Janet W. Williams being the owner in fee of the said 126 acres.

Liber HB 11, Folio 516

August 1, 1876

Mortgage

Mortgagor: Thomas E. Williams

Mortgagee: Edmund Tolson

For all my right title and interest and estate in the dower of my mother Mary H. Tolson, being awarded to her by the Commissioners of Prince George's County. Consideration of \$675.75 payable annually, on or before August 1st.

Liber HB 11, Folio 517

Mortgage assigned to Juliet M. Williams from Thomas E. Williams. September 20, 1881.

Mortgage released November 18, 1891





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Tolson-Buchanan house

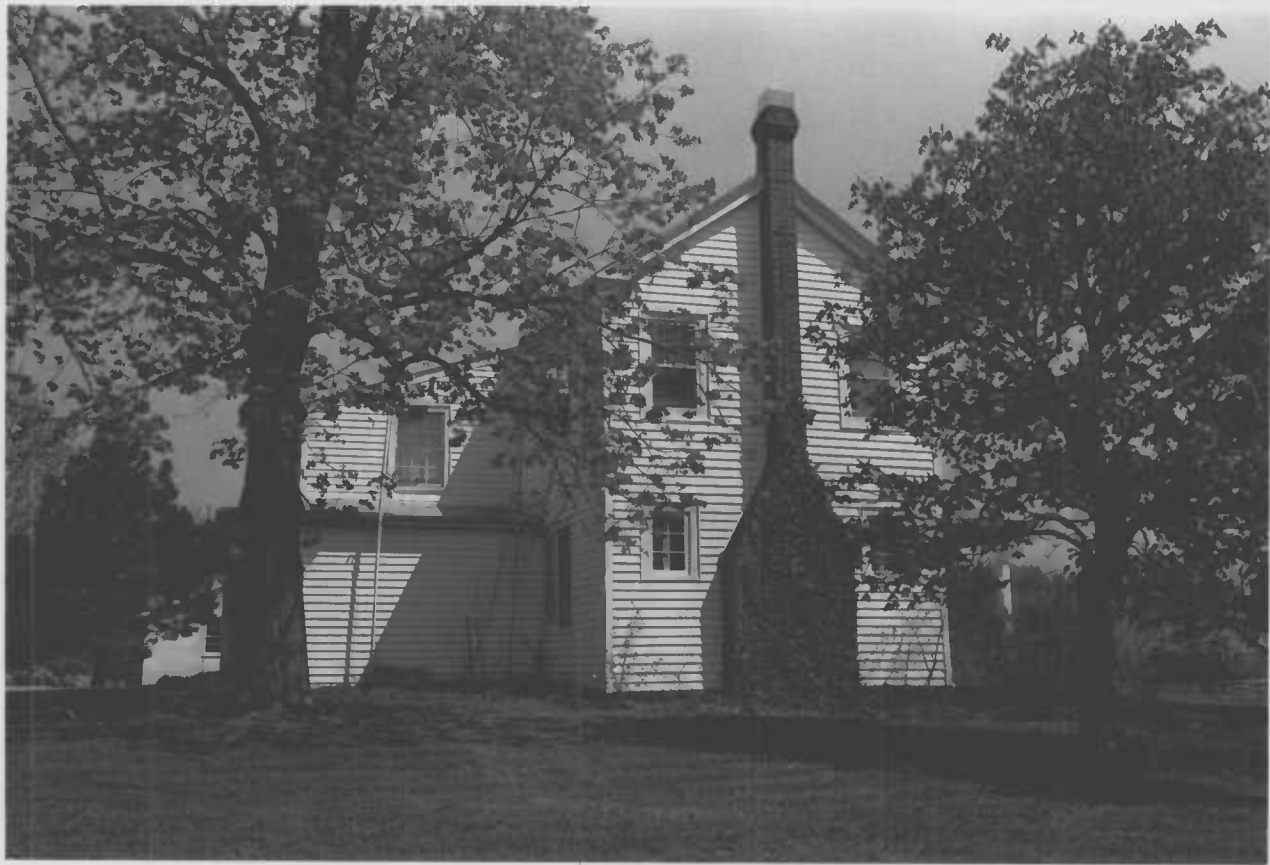
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

May 1984

South elevation

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Tolson-Buchanan house

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West elevation

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